

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following set of claims for the pending claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Shoes having exchangeable straps, said shoes comprising shoe bases and a plurality of strap attachment loops on the sides of said shoe bases through to which exchangeable shoe straps terminating in safety pin attachment structures are detachably secured.

2. (Previously presented) The shoes of claim 1, wherein said shoes are fashion style coordinated, yet different, in appearance, and constitute a pair of shoes to be worn together.

Claims 3-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A footwear system assembly comprising

(a) ~~shoe bases of different styles or fit with strap attachment loops, and~~

(b) exchangeable shoe straps terminating in safety pin attachment structures, and detachably securable to said shoe bases by said safety pin attachment structures through shoe to strap attachment loops, by spring-biased locking arms in a closed strap-securing position of said shoe bases of different styles or fit.

11. (Currently Amended) The footwear system assembly of claim 10, wherein said shoe bases are of different styles or fit, and said shoe bases are selected from high heel shoe bases, mid heel shoe bases, low heel shoe bases and platform shoe bases.

12. (Currently Amended) The footwear system assembly of claim 10, from which a user assembles a pair of shoes that is

fashion style coordinated, yet different in appearance,  
further comprising the user wearing said pair of shoes  
together shoe straps differ in width.

13. (Currently Amended) The footwear system assembly of claim 10, wherein said exchangeable shoe straps differ in strap color.

14. (Currently Amended) The footwear system assembly of claim 10, wherein said exchangeable shoe straps are made of different fabrics.

15. (Currently Amended) The footwear system assembly of claim 10, wherein said exchangeable shoe straps differ in strap patterns.

16. (Canceled)

17. (New) The footwear system of claim 10, wherein said exchangeable shoe straps differ in strap width.

18. (New) The footwear system of claim 10, wherein said strap attachment loops are on the sides of said shoe bases.

19. (New) The shoes of claim 1, further comprising strap attachment loops on the sides of said shoe bases in addition to said plurality of strap attachment loops through which said shoe straps are detachably secured.

20. (New) Shoes having exchangeable straps, said shoes comprising shoe bases and a plurality of strap attachment loops to which exchangeable shoe straps are detachably secured by spring-biased locking arms in a closed strap-securing position, wherein said spring-biased locking arms have an open position.

21. (New) The shoes of claim 20, wherein said plurality of strap attachment loops is on the sides of said shoe bases, and said spring-biased locking arms extend through said strap attachment loops.

22. (New) The shoes of claim 20, further comprising strap attachment loops on the sides of said shoe bases in addition to said plurality of strap attachment loops to which said shoe straps are detachably secured.